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"If all the year were playing holidays, to sport would be as tedious as to work; but when they seldom come, the wished for come."

—*Shakespeare.*

SCHEDULE

1915		
April	16.	Cinema Show, Tamil Methodist Church, Vepery.
"	18.	Men's Meeting, 4 P.M., Committee Room.
"	21-28.	School of Commerce Government Technical Examinations.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

The Government Technical Examinations will be held at the Engineering College, Chepauk, from the 21st to the 29th of April, both days inclusive.

A list containing the names and numbers of candidates appearing for these examinations will be posted on the Notice Board at the entrance to the College from which students can ascertain their Register Numbers.

For the convenience of our own students Hall Tickets for the Type-writing Examination and Register Numbers will be given to them by the teachers concerned and a few important hints regarding the Rules to be observed in the Hall will be put up on the Notice Board outside the Commercial Class. Batch arrangements in the case of Type-writing will be made on the 19th instant and the students notified the following day.

Those who have not paid their arrears of fees should pay up before they sit for the Examination. Classes will be

closed during May and June and re-opened at the beginning of July 1915.

BOYS' BRANCH

Master Rajah Swaminathan gave a short talk on 'Horse' on 31st ultimo under the auspices of the Literary Union. Beginning with a description of the different horses and their qualities, he dealt with the subject in such a way that the members present were convinced that they were told much more about so common and ordinary a subject than they could have even thought of. We hope that the example of the youngster will inspire many others to come out with their literary talents. Mr. E. Parthasarathy who occupied the chair closed the meeting with some sound advice to the boys.

On Tuesday, 30th March, Mr. T. Sitther, B.A., gave in our gymnasium hall an exposition of J. P. Muller's system of Physical exercises followed by a practical demonstration, some of the members also following the lead.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Herman were 'at Home' to the boys on Easter Monday. Over fifty boys turned up from Georgetown and Royapettah, some by carriage, some by bicycles and a majority by Tram Car. After an enjoyable hour in different games, the members gathered together for tea. A well arranged Programme consisting of songs and recitations was then gone through. Mr. Herman then in a short talk expressed his joy at seeing the members in his house and invited the boys to come again next term.

Mr. J. P. Manickam, M.A., of the Christian College, gave an useful and instructive address on 'How to Spend the Holidays' on the 6th instant. In the course of his lecture, he emphasized the necessity of rest and holidays for boys. He also said that during the holiday, boys should be doing the reverse of what they generally do during the School Session and also prepare themselves for greater usefulness during the ensuing term.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We are in receipt of the fourth Annual Report of the Shri Jiva Daya Gnan Prasarak Fund (*alias* The Humanitarian Fund), Bombay. It speaks of the good work done by the Society during the year 1914, in advocating vegetarian diet. We congratulate the institution on being able to report that it has spent over rupees 12,000 in publishing and distributing pamphlets, in awarding prizes for essays on subjects relating to vegetarian diet, and in other necessary expenses. We are particularly gratified to note in the prize list the name of one of our members, Mr. K. C. Abraham, who has won a prize of Rupees 200 and a gold medal awarded by the Society. If any of our members is interested in the report, he may apply for it to the Editor.

We have also received the April issue of "The Literary Journal", published by the Young Men's Literary Association, Triplicane. It contains a

poem by Mrs. Sarojini Naidu; Mr. K. S. Ramasami Sastri's appreciation of the poems of Mr. C. F. Andrews, who is referred to in the article as a passionate lover of India and a sincere admirer of Rabindra Nath Tagore's genius; an article entitled, "Peeps into Hyderabad"; and a few other contributions. The Journal is neatly printed and finely got up. Members could read it in the General Library.

The report of the first All-India Conference of Indian Christians held recently in Calcutta is very interesting reading. The discussions are all printed in detail and every one who has the welfare of the Indian Christian community at heart should make it a point to peruse this valuable report. Our thanks are due to the Secretary of the Conference, Mr. S. E. Runganathan, M.A., for kindly sending it to us.

NEW MEMBERS

In continuation of the list contained in the last issue of the "Madras Young Men," we publish the following names of our new members:—

Non-resident

K. M. Thomas, N. Madhava Nair, Syed Nizauddin, N. V. Thomas, S. M. Gupta, Samuel S. Satyadoss, T. A. Arokiasamy Pillai and K. V. Eapen.

Active

A. Xavier, R. Timothy and Alexander Samuel.

Associate

H. H. Abdul Shakur, V. Vasudeva Chetty and K. Govindachari.

Renewal

Rev. C. H. Hudson.

A REMINDER

Some of our members are not aware, we guess, of the fact that if any of the members introduces in the course of a month six new members to the Association, he is entitled to one book of his choice in the Every Man's Library. Here is a good opportunity for cultivating friendship and extending one's library.

MEN'S SUNDAY MEETING

We had the pleasure of hearing, on Easter Sunday, Mr. W. B. Smith, formerly a leader of the Student Volunteer Movement in North America and Canada, and now a Y. M. C. A. Secretary in Poona. He is a remarkable man, whose life speaks more than his message. As he spoke on the need for men who would give themselves up to God's guidance, he produced a deep impression upon the hearers.

On Sunday, the 11th instant, Mr. A. V. Moses, M.A., Lecturer in Madras Christian College, spoke on "The Resurrection. He followed in his arguments Dr. Fairbairn's masterly treatment of the subject in his "Studies in the Life of Christ." We are indebted to Mr. Moses for having stimulated our thoughts on this fundamental

fact of the Christian religion and having introduced us to the famous Oxford Philosopher and Theologian.

Y.M.C.A. AND THE CHURCHES

From our experience of Cinema Shows arranged for over half-a-dozen churches in Madras, we have reason to believe that the Christian community appreciates our efforts to be of some service to them. It is true that we have not done much: but we are encouraged to find that the several possibilities in which church life could be developed are being brought to our notice. For instance, the confession of an educated Indian Christian young man that a church Bible class conducted by one of our secretaries was the means of binding him to his Church and making him a regular attendant of the services afford much food for thought. We profess that "the Y. M. C. A. is a handmaid to the Church": and we want to make our ideal a reality, so far as it is possible.

In our Cinema Show given to the members of the Danish Mission Church, Broadway, on Saturday, the 10th instant, we introduced a new feature by putting on gramophone records during the intervals between changing the films. This is really helpful in keeping the people interested from beginning to end.

NOTICE

We will discontinue the publication of our bulletin during the Summer holidays. The next issue will come out early in July, which will be a special Holiday number with extra pages containing news for May and June.

A CUTTING FROM "ASSOCIATION MEN," AUGUST 1914

An Armenian family in Constantinople prays every night for the Association in Constantinople and in Boston. The father with eight children was driven out of Armenia by the Kurds. The son came to Boston. The father went to the Secretary in Constantinople, Dri Davies, in anxiety about the son among strangers and without work. Davies wrote Pierce, Secretary in Boston. Soon the boy had work, and Davies found the father a job digging trenches, although he had been a shop-keeper. The family was down to the last crust, had sold or pawned clothing and all bedding, and were sleeping on a cold floor in winter. Now the children are in school, there is plenty to eat, and there is hope and faith. Davies and Pierce, in Constantinople and Boston, knew a Christian language of friendly helpfulness, that is the first step to faith.

STUDENT DEPARTMENT

The following books have been added to the Student Library :—

1. The Uplift of China—Arthur H. Smith.
2. The Re-generation of New China —Nelson Bitton.
3. Three Months in India—R. F. Horton.
4. The New Era in Asia—Sherwood Eddy.
5. The Crescent Moon—Rabindranath Tagore.
6. Sadhana—Rabindranath Tagore.
7. The King of the Dark Chamber—Rabindranath Tagore.
8. The Gardener—Rabindranath Tagore.

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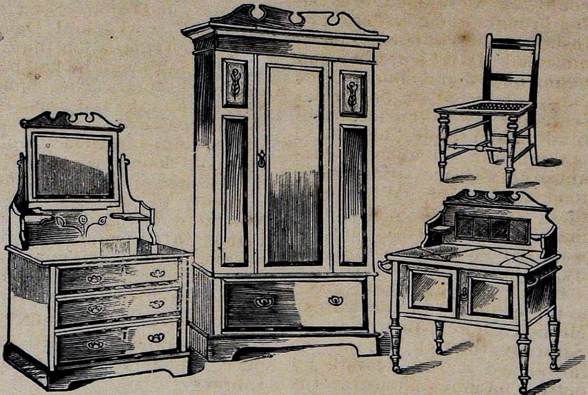

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